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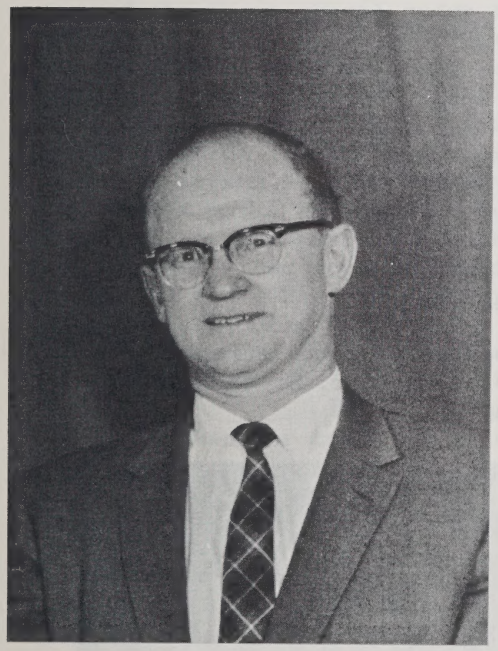
HOSPITAL PROFILES
William D. Grannis



Bill Grannis started working at HSS on June 1, 1959, as Assistant Comptroller in the Accounting Department. His duties are varied and include, among others, that of keeping all the girls happy.

Bill was born on the 7th of February in 1917 in Waterbury, Connecticut. His father was a civil engineer and because his work took him to various cities, the family lived in a number of places in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. His mother died when he was nine years old, leaving the family of five children to be raised by the father and an older sister. During the depression, they lived on an uncle's farm near Munsey, Pennsylvania. Bill went to high school there.

Just before World War II, Bill joined the National Guard with his brother and was with this outfit when it was called up for regular army duty. This National Guard unit was converted into a tank destroyer outfit and after many months of training in the South, was sent to Europe. They were attached to various corps and divisions in General Patton's army, and landed in Normandy shortly after D Day. After many long months of combat, his outfit reached the western part of Czechoslovakia. They were then pulled back and finally sent home after the fighting was over. Bill was very fortunate not to have been wounded in all this active combat.

Bill met his wife, Betty, shortly before entering the army and they were married while he was still in training. They now live in New

Hyde Park, Long Island, and they have a daughter, Betty Lou, aged sixteen, and a son, Billy, aged eleven.

Prior to coming to HSS, Bill worked for Lenox Hill Hospital and Parade Magazine in the Accounting Departments. In Lenox Hill, he was Chief Accountant. He attended New York University, School of Commerce, and graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

In his leisure time, Bill is active in church affairs. His hobbies include fishing, woodworking and working around the house, much to his wife's pleasure. He also likes to watch professional football on television.

In addition to his skill as an accountant, Bill has an even, good-natured temperament which adds to the smooth working of the Accounting Department.

R.C.T. & K.R.

Mr. Daniel Bohleber Retires After 29 Years with HSS

On February 26, 1963, Mr. Daniel Bohleber of the Purchasing Department will say farewell to HSS after 29 years. Mr. B, as he is affectionately known to many here, is retiring.

Mr. B came to HSS in 1934; the hospital was then located on 42nd Street. His career up to that time had been fairly varied. He had worked for a dairy company, an electrical appliance house and on Wall Street. Mr. B. will resettle in Miami, Florida, where he has been spending his summer vacations for several years now. The good wishes of the whole Department will go with him. He will be missed by all of us.

C.B.

NIGHTINGALE'S CHIRP

Christmas among the nurses was celebrated with much gaity! First, the students of Class XXI invited the staff to a party on the 9th floor and put on a very clever skit to the delight and edification of the staff as well as the student body. The first scene was a day in the class room with teacher Norma Thabet conducting classes. Scene two finds the girls gathered at the house of one of their classmates engaged in studying common diseases, muscles and bones, to the tune of the twist. This brought forth peals of laughter and loud applause. We are greatly indebted to the students - Norma Thabet, Willa Mae Smith, Susan Cordo, Lenore Cuomo, Lillie Pollard, Alice Hopkins and Lorraine Bellinzoni - for an altogether delightful affair.

The Class of XXI also formed the first choral group to take part in the Christmas festivities. With Bill LoCascio as Master of Ceremonies and Robert Thiessen as accompanist, they went a caroling throughout the hospital. First stop was at the Reta Violet Club children's party held in the Lecture Hall on December 19th. Then on the 24th, they sang for the clinic patients and later that day, they serenaded the patients on the other floors, to the enjoyment of everyone.

Mr. Thiessen accompanies Choral Group in the Clinic

Another touch of Christmas by the students was the transformation of Mrs. Chase (their model). Miss Mildred Meyers, Class XIX, presented the lady with a real head of hair, arrayed her in a furry nightie and bed jacket, as well as a bit of holly pinned on her gown. We understand our Mrs. Chase was very popular after donning her new wardrobe, and had a host of visitors all during the holidays.

More parties! On December 17th, Miss Mary Jeanne Clapp invited the nurses to a Christmas party at her home. The lovely decorations, delicious punch and canapes, everyone in a gay, holiday mood, made for a lovely affair. Our hostess added a novel touch to her party by having each guest make a selection from her "private stock" of jams, jellies, conserves and relishes, to carry home. On December 20th, Mrs. Fletcher was also a hostess

to the nurses at a lovely party at her home, and presented a corsage of carnations to each of her guests.

Miss Patricia Hevissey, Assistant Head Nurse on 5 South, was literally an angel - she took little Paul Jackson to her home for Christmas day. I am sure it was a day Paul will long remember.

Congratulations are in order - to Miss Minetta Nast of the Educational Department, who has been appointed to the faculty of Cornell University. To Miss Marion McTernan, Head Nurse on 5 North, who received her diamond engagement ring on Christmas. To Miss Nora Milliner who became Mrs. Morales on December 30th, and to Mrs. Hazel Wilkins on becoming a grandmother for the first time, a grandson having been born on December 7th.

We are happy to report that two of our nurses, Miss Bernice MacManus and Miss Mary Pickthorn have returned to work after recent surgery. We are sorry to report that Mrs. Dorothy Short, Night Supervisor, is at present on the sick list and that Miss Helen MacDonald is a patient on 5 North. We do hope they will soon be feeling well enough to return to us.

Mrs. Ruth Rodgers and Mrs. Betty Jones have resigned from our staff, due to the expected arrival of a junior or young miss. We eagerly await the good news. Miss Marie Jeanne Beaulieu of 6 South retired on December 28th. Our best wishes to her, and we hope she will enjoy her leisure. Another resignation - Miss Gladys Reid, who will no longer be able to do orthopedic nursing because of a back injury. Miss Constance Santiago also resigned, as of January 11th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Norma Thabet whose father passed away, to Marion Lonsdorf whose mother passed away, and to Florie Moore whose husband passed away during the Christmas season, making a very sad holiday for them.

We welcome Miss Pauline McLoughlin, a graduate of Seton Hall, who will be Assistant Night Supervisor as of January 7th. We also welcome Miss Zerda Barris who became Assistant in the Recovery Room on January 3rd.

We have received a letter from Miss Margaret Leddy with the exciting news that she is returning to Ireland this month to be married. Our very best wishes to her. Congratulations also to Miss Lillie Taylor, N.A., who was married on January 11th in New York City. She is now Mrs. Heyekiah Brett.

The Class of XIX will hold its graduating exercises on February 7th.

J.M.W.

AROUND H.S.S.

Our Roving Photographer -
Mrs. Olive Fischer

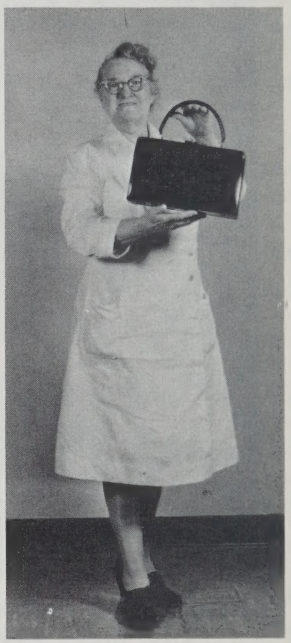
Santa at the C.P. Party

Fanchette Schwartz
Mary Knowles

C.P. Christmas Party Again

AMONG OURSELVES

Dr. George Rovere became a proud father on January 2nd. His first child, Dina Ann, was born early in the morning of that day, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Another new addition was Steven Sanford Betts, born on January 4th in Washington D.C. to Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Betts. The Betts family now has a permanent address: 2900 St. Clair Drive, Marlow Heights, Maryland.



Irene Cook ("Cookie) of the Housekeeping Department, pictured at the right, was the winner of the first prize in the raffle held by the Occupational Therapy Department. The prize was a lovely pocketbook donated by Mrs. Robert Geller, a Volunteer. The second prize, a handmade, silver pin and earring set, was won by Mrs. John Pruyn of the Women's Auxiliary. The set was made and donated by Mr. Joseph Masaniello, a former patient of the hospital, who learned jewelry making from our Occupational Therapy Department.

Mr. Joseph Gaffney was the lucky winner of $1,000 from a one dollar chance ticket for the benefit of La Salle Institute. Joe has been taking chances monthly for a year and a half from Mr. Harold Sullivan whose son attends La Salle.

Miss Judy Davis, formerly of the Record Room, sent Christmas greetings to all from Las Vegas, (temperature 60 degrees, humidity 25 per cent). Judy has left the hospital where she has been working. She says she could not get used to the low hospital standards. She is happy although sometimes a little homesick.

J.S.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Library is proud and happy about its first baby - Susan Teale Arnold - born on December 12th to our Volunteer Librarian, Barbara Arnold - her good excuse for what we hope will be only a leave of absence.

The exhibition by Joseph Torre was successfully concluded with the sale of seven pictures. We hope to have future exhibits of this artist's work. This will be followed by a show by Joan Riley, formerly of Personnel, starting the last Tuesday in January.

We look forward to another good year of reading in 1963.

J.C.B.

Cornwall,Conn
December 29, 1962

Miss Mary Ryan
Fund Raising Dept
Hospital for Special Surgery
535 East 70th Street,
New York,N.Y.

Dear Mary:

I told Mr Heminway that I wanted to write you and say I hoped you had a nice Christmas and to wish you a Happy new year. He said if you do be sure to thank Mr Young for the beautiful poyne setter. I said I aint seen no new dog around here. My uncle Lige has a irish setter but what kind of a dog is a poyne setter. Then he showed me the beautiful plant he got because he was old.He said that after the employees had worn themselves out and worked themselves to the bone the hospital laid them off and every Christmas Mr young sent them poyne setters to cheer them up. I think it is a lovely idea and is something I never will get no matter how worn out I get.

Mr. Heminway misses his New York Times just awful.He uses awful language when He talks about them striking tipe setters (they aint dogs either you know). He says he misses the news, the editorials, the sports the cross word puzzles etc,but he is upset in another way too. There is only two ways to get rid of garbage in this town, bury it or burn it. Hes been burning it using the New York Times to do it.Cant start buryin it now with the ground froze solid,and now he has just about run out of paper. He says there aint nothing like the Sunday N.Y.Times specially at Christmas time to burn rubbish.He bought the Waterbury Republican the other day but it werent much help,- hardly got rid of two potato skins. If the strike aint settled soon he is going to try a system his neighbor has.This man goes out into the woods behind his house and dumps his garbage. In the morning everything is gone,-all cleaned up by the racoons and foxes.

Well Mary, must stop now for it is snowing real hard and if I am going home I got to start now. Happy new year to you and anyone else down there that knows me.

Affectionately

Hortense

Hortense Mulligan

72 EMPLOYEES HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN 1962 - AND EARN 2 EXTRA 'H' DAYS

Dear Employees:

My sincere congratulations to you for your perfect attendance in 1962. This is indeed a record of which to be proud. To some of you, this is your second or third year or perhaps longer in which you have had this splendid record.

As is our custom, the hospital is again awarding you two extra H-days to be taken during the coming year, of course, at a time mutually convenient to you and your Department Head.

To show this record to the rest of the hospital, I would like a group picture to appear in the next issue of the Record & Chronicle.

I feel sure your good attendance record is evidence of your interest in our hospital, the patients and your fellow employees. Efforts such as yours have brought us to our Centennial year. My congratulations and again many thanks.

Cordially,

T. Gordon Young
Director

Seated: Kitty Risi, Kitty Marshall, Lee Hargett, Claire Pellich
Standing: Louis Shoob, Jackie Mims, Rene Alessandrini, Joe Faillace, Ludwig Kalb, Sol Houtkin, Heinz Muencheberg, "Mac" McManus, Erich Ulbright, Carl Raminger, Gilberto Velez

Seated: Veronica Sutcliffe, Dorothy Viskovich, Bertha Hayes, Mary Brennan, Standing: Norah Connor, Fanchette Schwartz, Eva Brewer, John Freehan, Johnny Gomez, Anna Cronin, Dennis Dublin

Seated: Catherine Ferentinos, Esther Melamed, Doris Nichols, Robert Pancoast; Standing: Robert Thiessen, Gregorio Cintron, Teodoro Ortiz, Camilo Andino, William Grannis

Not Pictured: Ramon Colon, Jerome Ilson, Joseph Gaffney, Clyde Bentham, Ruth Mandeville, Agnes Gordon, Carolyn Burger, George Cort, Francisco Baez, Peter Kerr, Joseph Zetterholm, Joseph Lukas, Arthur Kleiner, Thomas McNicholas, Esther Dermady, Margaret Carroll, Anna Daley, Hazel Evans, Josephine Finessey, Katharine Halsted, Grace Hinman, Gwendolyn DuBuque, Rita Stowell, Johanna Von Lubken, Lilliam Fisher, Anna Hans, Carolyn Wehrli, Gertha Cox, Margaret Strasser, Mary Sprott, Kim Barrett, Johanna Vettoretti, Jessie Wright, Thomas Cannon, Betty Manatis, Irene Landry, Theresa Schneider

HOSPITAL PROFILES
Mary Brennan

Mary Brennan was born in Swinford, County Mayo, Ireland, the second youngest of a family of five. She first came to the Hospital in 1937 as a waitress in the Doctor's Cafeteria. Three years ago, she became an elevator operator, much to the joy of both the patients and the staff of the hospital.

Mary lives in the Nurses Residence on York Avenue and in her spare time enjoys attending movies and visiting her "old cronies." She has returned to Ireland twice since coming to America, once in 1948 and again in 1961. Her next trip across the ocean will be to England, which she has always wanted to see. Her favorite vacation spots are Altantic City and Savannah, Georgia. Mary is gifted with a sweet, pretty, Irish face and a very warm heart. Anyone watching her attend the patients could not help but be impressed with the graciousness she shows them. Many times during the day, you can hear her: "Now, dear, watch your step!" and "How are you today?" Mary gives us all a lift, and not only up in the elevator.

M.C.K.

LAB FINDINGS - CLINICAL

How ironic that we can read news of the Lab when we can't even read about Tshombe, the Mona Lisa, or "Oliver!" Sadly we recall the sharp crackle of a lovely newspaper interrupting the morning silence of a coffee break.

But still are seen well worn copies of Vogue, Mademoiselle, etc., evidence that the fashion news is not forgotten. Our experts, Kitty Johnson and Mavis Kemble are again combining their artistic talents to present a show, "Around the Year in Fashion," given by the Mother's Club of The Boy Scouts of America. The "Jo-Kem" line (original designs by Mavis and Kitty) will be adapted to each outfit worn by the models - two of which are Edna Carson (Lab), and Shirley White (Nursing Staff). They will also depict various periods of the day, month and season. Messrs. Scaasi and Schaperelli, take a back seat please - the gowns are lovely!

S.L.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The last meeting of the Personnel Committee during 1962 was held on December 12th. The Committee discussed briefly the idea of trying to institute some kind of legislation in New York to have employees of voluntary hospitals covered by unemployment insurance. At present, they are not covered. The secretary was authorized to contact other voluntary hospitals for their support and ideas. After the discussion, refreshments, prepared by Mrs. Goldstone, were served. Mr. T. Gordon Young attended and congratulated the Committee on their fine work during the year. Mr. Young said he hoped the new Committee (1963) would continue in the same spirit as this one. He concluded by wishing the members a very happy holiday. Miss Ruth Haas also attended this meeting and added her congratulations and best wishes for the holidays. Mr. LoCascio, Chairman of the Committee in 1962, closed the meeting by thanking the members for their cooperation during the year.

C.B.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - 1963

Department	Representative	Alternate
Accounting	Carol Leonard	Dennis Dublin
Administration	Frieda Marie Miller	Rachele Pavese
Brace Shop	William LoCascio	Sol Houtkin
Cerebral Palsy	Jerome Ilson	Irene Tanigaki
Dietary	Ray Woods	Medicus Brown
	Hester West	Callie Pace
	Daniel Palermo	Manuel Aviles, Jr.
Housekeeping	Fred Fulton	Eric Miller
	Gussie Jones	
Laboratory	Catherine Johnson	Henriette Cozza
Maintenance	John Catalfamo	Howard Murther
Medical Records	Frances Zurich	Phyllis Coughlin
Nursing	Gloria Brathwaite	Mary Broderick
	Thelma Bristow	Bertha Hayes
	Louise Haring	Garland Gaither
	Jane Wilson	Veronica Sutcliffe
Physio and Occupational Therapy	Lotte Tedesko	Marianna Karl
Purchasing	Clyde Bentham	Vincent Ricucci
Research 3rd Floor	Carolyn Jurasits	Erika Szalay
Research 4th Floor		
Social Service	Ruth Hillebrand	Eleanor Slate
X-Ray and Pharmacy	Druscilla Clemens	Herbert Skeen

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

The Personnel Committee met Wednesday, January 3rd, the first meeting for 1963. The following officers were elected at this meeting:

Chairman	Mr. Jerome Ilson
Vice Chairman	Mr. Clyde Bentham
Secretary	Mrs. Kitty Johnson
Vice Secretary	Miss Frances Zurich

The By-Laws of the Committee were read to the new members. There were a few additions and one slight revision. The Chairman is having copies of the By-Laws printed to be distributed to all the representatives and to Mr. Young and Miss Haas.

C.B.

VOLUNTEERS

Our Department had a very busy and successful year in 1962. One hundred and fifty-five volunteers gave 20,167 hours in ten departments in the hospital. This is an excellent record, considering the size of our hospital. We are fortunate in having a very low turnover. Many of our volunteers are wearing 15 year pins. This does not come about by chance. The workers are made to feel welcome and needed by the department in which they serve. These are the two greatest factors in continuity of service.

Mrs. Norman Kline, a clinic registrar, and Mrs. William Wood are basking in the Florida sunshine for a month. Mrs. Kline's daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Sternberg, a former volunteer, is substituting in her mother's absence. The volunteers who are assisting on the wards are very interested in their work and are much impressed with the care given to our patients.

A.McC.

RESEARCH NEWS NOTES

The first floor in the Research Building is becoming a busy place. Room 129 is now the location of Dr. Philip D. Wilson's office. Both he and Miss Lydia Firchuck, his secretary, share this suite with the Director of Research and the Medical Education office. Lydia, well-known ski bunny (she has just returned from a week's skiing at Mont Tremblante in Canada), should feel right at home with all the other bunnies located in the Animal Care Department also on the first floor.

Erika Szalay will be arriving any day now from France after her vacation and we are sure she will have a lot of adventurous tales to tell.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the following new members of the research staff:

Arthur Saxon - Chief Technician in Dr. Mellor's Lab.
Dimitris Karabales - a part time technician and student from Greece who will work in Dr. Mellor's Lab.
Miss Meo Hom - a Senior Technician in Dr. Bronner's Lab.

Research Sketch

Among the new faces appearing across the bridge is Dr. Pedro Bacalao. Dr. Bacalao was born and educated in Caracas, Venezuela. He came to the United States, however, for his post-graduate training at Orange Hospital Center in New Jersey. He is an orthopedic surgeon who will be engaging in research here for approximately a year and a half. Dr. Bacalao is very young-looking and it is surprising to find out that he has been married for 19 years. Mrs. Bacalao is also a doctor, a gynecologist. The doctor and his wife have three sons, two are attending school in Andover, Massachusetts and one is at Eaglebrook. In his spare time, Dr. Bacalao enjoys music with a particular preference for violin and piano concertos.

M.C.K.

MEDICAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT

Hello to you from the Medical Records Department. This is Louella again. My first exclusive: What starry-eyed secretary is wearing a heart charm from a certain young gentleman - her Joe?

I peeked in at the opening of the Christmas Grab Bag and this is what I saw: Here is Anna, holding up a pair of red woolen panties from Phyllis (just for fun, says Phyllis). There is Eleanor, our next bride-to-be, holding up a pink and gold gown of gossamer nylon while she and Gisella, a June bride-to-be, exchange glances. For the new brides, household articles: an electric hot tray, an electric hand mixer, salt and pepper shakers; and for the other gals, fur lined gloves, blouses, necklaces, scarves, scented soap, perfumes, and, best of all, books for one who likes to read. Miss Hancock presented some of her handiwork in the form of hand-tatted handkerchiefs as gifts. There was also silver jewelry from Mexico purchased by Emelda on a recent vacation trip. Iris' handiwork was lovely woolen hats, all bedecked with sequins and loops of mohair - just state your color preference and head size, if you wish to order.

Christmas in the Record Room

And now reluctantly back to work - but, first, this Department enjoyed its annual theatre party, selecting "How to Succeed in Business" as the play, preceded by dinner at the Top of the Sixes.

Miss Marjorie Walker was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Greater New York Association of Medical Record Librarians for 1963. Carol and Iris spent a weekend skiing, Iris off to the Berkshires and Carol to upstate New York. We are happy to report that both returned intact.

I.P.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Now that the 1962 Christmas holidays are history, and the Social Service Department has had a chance to come out from under the deluge of gifts and gift wrappings, we would like to write our "thank you notes" to those who have made our work easier and more fun this season.

Many thanks go to the volunteer escorts who accompanied the children from the HSS clinics to the Union League party. Under the direction of Mrs. Adler, the escorts included Mrs. Hoepli of the Women's Auxiliary, Ruth Hillebrand, Lorraine Konior, Eleanor Slate and Donna Usatch. We understand that everyone, escorts included, had a very lovely time.

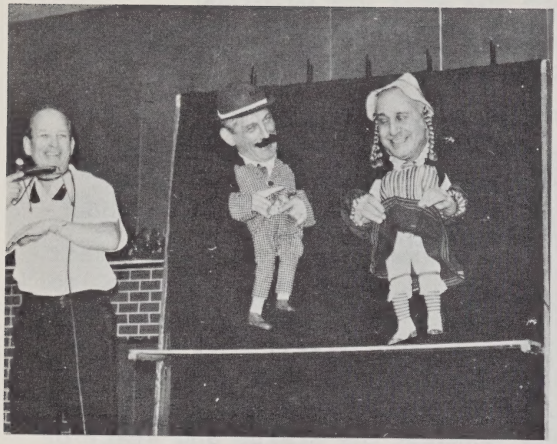
Our special thank you this year goes deservedly to Mr. Jerrold R. Golding, member of the Board of Managers of HSS. Through his generosity and farsighted enthusiasm for the contribution of good social work to the hospital, we can now announce that a scholarship in social work has been established which will insure a plan for professionally trained staff members for our department. This award will greatly enhance the status and staff of the Social Service Department, but it also further establishes HSS as one of the most outstanding and progressive hospitals in the community.

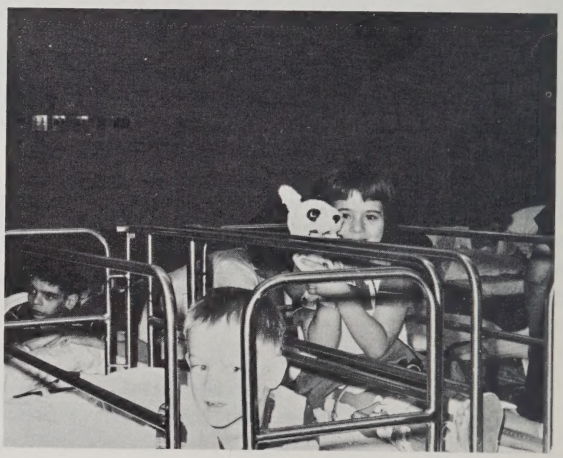
We were pleased to see Bertha Haemmel this Christmas season when she visited the department. She so amazes us with her agility. We joined her in a Christmas luncheon at a nearby restaurant.

On January 5th, our new case aide, Donna Usatch, became Mrs. Richard Gross. We understand the groom is a graduate of Dartmouth College and is presently in the advertising business. After a wedding trip to New England, we expect to see Donna back with us, as the couple will be living in New York City.

R.S.

RETA VIOLET CHRISTMAS PARTY





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